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The following bibliography is intended as a guide to the literature, particularly the most recent, regarding the determinants of public policies. The study of the structure of society as it relates to variations in government activities has attracted a most diverse set of thinkers. In their usually differing and always complex perspectives, such scholars as Aristotle, Ibn Khaldun, Pareto, Madison, Marx, Weber well represent this set.

Not surprisingly, therefore, the contemporary scholarly comparative literature in this field is confined not to a single discipline but exists in recognizable form within at least three: economics, political science, and sociology (in addition to such tangential fields as anthropology and law). This multi-disciplinary approach is not matched though by degree of cross-cultural focus. While all the studies listed here are comparative in nature only a few are concerned with non-American units of analysis. Rather, most of this literature is the result of research based on American counties, cities, states, and regions. The few non-American studies of an empirical nature are of English boroughs, Canadian provinces, and Belgian (Flanders) municipalities. Therefore, because they are studies in the main of the contemporary American experience using sophisticated multi-variate techniques the usual Caveat expressed to those who seek to draw inferences of a more general scope is applicable.

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